



Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDip)

Delivered by the North-West University.

It all starts here®

By obtaining a qualification at the North-West University (NWU) you will accelerate your career and improve your effectiveness and efficiency in the classroom.

The North-West University:



is one of a few worldwide universities that has a strong contact-, as well as a distance learning mode of delivery;



is an internationally recognised university with an international student body from at least **68 countries**;



is the third largest university in South Africa with more than **54 000 students**;



has some of the best academic support programmes in Africa resulting in a **success rate of 92,9%** by our students; and



is one of the best tertiary education institutions for education towards a professional career according to the **2022** rankings by the **Times Higher Education (THE) World Rankings**.

Teacher Education at the North-West University has had a proud history **since 1919**, and the Faculty of Education is now the largest provider of contact and distance learning in South Africa. The fact that so many teachers choose to upgrade their professional qualifications with us, and that so many prospective students apply for entry to the BEd and our other programmes says something. We think it says something about...

The **quality of the work** done in our programmes (grounded, professional, critical and academic);

The **attention paid to students** by our staff in regards to our study guidance and assistance (dedicated, caring, professional academics and administrators);

The **quality of student life and development** offered by the faculty itself (social, sport, integrated development and community engagement);

The **great reputation** enjoyed by our students and graduate teachers who are commended to us by schools throughout the country.

Method of Delivery

Students who are unable to enroll for the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDip) at one of the NWU campuses for the contact programme, may apply for the PGDip through the Unit for Distance Learning (UDL).

The programme is presented with scheduled whiteboard contact sessions at selected study centres and the use of the NWU's eFundi Learning Management platform. Examinations for students in the distance-learning mode are written at NWU examination centres.

All examinations are conducted at exam centres, with NWU staff setting the examination papers and assessing answer scripts, thus ensuring that all students have met the required module and programme outcomes. Distance Learning studies are only available in English as a medium of instruction.

Cost and Financial Assistance

All fees are annually adapted. Study fees are based on modules and students pay per module and not for the course as a whole.

Contact pc-studyfees@nwu.ac.za to obtain a quotation.



Programme Specifications for the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDip)

Programme of study	Duration	Career Opportunities	Admission requirements
<p>PGDip in Management and Leadership, modules include: <i>Programme Code: 4DF D01</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead and develop people in education (PGML 571) • Education law and leadership in practice (PGML 512) • Education financial management and governance (PGML 513) • Education law, leadership and fundamental rights (PGML 514) • Leading organisational change in Education (PGML 521) • Education leadership in international context (PGML 522) • Leading teaching and learning (PGML 523) • Education leadership: Education system and societal contexts (PGML 524) • Education Research Theory (PGER 511) 	2 years	<p>The PGDip programme is a qualification for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of qualified teachers and education practitioners and focuses on the following target group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working professionals with existing qualifications can use continuing professional development learning programmes to strengthen their current qualification. The Postgraduate Diploma is primarily professionally oriented and will offer working education professionals the opportunity to undertake advanced reflection and development of professional skill in the fields of education management and leadership and special needs issues in education. • The PGDip (Special Needs) qualification will provide a postgraduate specialisation in special needs to practicing professionals • The PGDip (Education Management and Leadership) qualification will provide a postgraduate specialisation in Education Management and Leadership to practicing professionals 	<p>An approved and recognised four-year Bachelor of Education degree (NQF Level 7) or a three-year general Bachelor's Degree and a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (or a former equivalent), or (a) four-year professional teaching qualification(s) as well as a 120 credit Level 7 Advanced Diploma in a cognate specialisation or the equivalent of these as approved by Senate and set out in the Admissions Policy of the NWU. A further admission requirement for a Postgraduate Diploma qualification must be a minimum pass mark of 60% average (in the BEd qualification) in the final year, or a minimum pass mark of 60% on average (in the Advanced Diploma in Education). Approval is subject to available space.</p>
<p>PGDip in Special Needs Education modules include: <i>Programme Code: 4DG D01</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School guidance and lay counselling (PGSN 511) • Learners with special needs and barriers to learning (PGSN 512) • Health promoting schools (PGSN 521) • Learner Support in the diverse classroom (PGSN 522) • Applied Learner Support (PGSN 571) • Education Research Theory (PGER 511) 	2 years		

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